

AN ORDINANCE **98237**

CREATING THE JOINT CITY/COUNTY CITIZENS COMMISSION ON CITY/COUNTY SERVICE INTEGRATION, TO BE COMPRISED OF 21 MEMBERS, TEN CITIZENS EACH APPOINTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND BEXAR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AND A JOINTLY SELECTED CHAIR; AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 MONTHLY FOR A SIX MONTH PERIOD WITH THOMAS F. BRERETON FOR SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SAID COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT; AS REQUESTED BY MAYOR EDWARD D. GARZA.

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WHEREAS, during the past two years, the City of San Antonio and Bexar County have found numerous areas in which the coordination of services to citizens that support both governments has resulted in greater efficiencies and more savings of taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the City and County cooperate in areas ranging from joint magistration and animal control, to crime lab analysis, whereby government services are integrated in order to deliver services consistent and quality County wide while minimizing the total tax burden and maximizing actual service delivery; and

WHEREAS, while much progress has been made in these specific areas, there is still a need to evaluate duplication and overlap of functions currently performed by both Bexar County and the City of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to continue this evaluation it is the desire of the City Council of San Antonio and the Bexar County Commissioner to create the Joint City/County Citizens Commission on City/County Service Integration (the "Commission") which shall be charged with continuing this evaluation and eventually drafting State Legislation which will assist in the mutual goal of providing efficient and cost effective services to all residence of the City and Bexar County; and

WHEREAS, it is further desired that the Commission retain the consultant services of Thomas F. Brereton who has previously worked for the City on related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Commission will consist of twenty-one members, who shall be residents of Bexar County, Texas with ten members each appointed by the City and County and the Chair being selected jointly by the Mayor of San Antonio and the Bexar County Judge; and

WHEREAS, the Commission shall issue a report to the City Council and the Commissioners Court by April 2004, which report shall then be used during the priority and budget setting process for FY 2005; **NOW THEREFORE**:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. CREATION. A Joint City/County Citizens Commission on City/County Service Integration is hereby created.

SECTION 2. APPOINTMENTS. The Commission shall be comprised of 21 members who shall be residents of Bexar County, Texas. The City Council and the Bexar County Commissioners Court will each appoint ten (10) members. The Chair of the Commission will be jointly selected by the Mayor of San Antonio and the Bexar County Judge.

The ten (10) individuals to be designated by the City shall be subject to future appointment by the City Council.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE. The Citizens Commission on City/County Service Integration is charged with:

- Reviewing best practices and models from other communities, including the role of special authorities and districts;
- Developing and implementing community education programs on the desirability of functional consolidation;
- Recommending a plan to transfer and consolidate functions/services between county and city governments or other special authorities that is equitable to both city and county taxpayers, in order to make our structure of government more efficient, effective and accountable; and
- Developing a draft of the state legislation that would be needed to implement the Commission's recommendations.

The Commission will meet at least once a month, or as often as necessary in order to produce a full report, to be submitted to both the City Council and the Commissioners Court by April 2004.

The Commission shall act only in an advisory capacity and shall have no power to bind the City by contract or other means. It shall be the function of the Commission to advise the City Council on any and all matters related to City-County integration issues.

SECTION 4. TERMS. Terms of office shall commence on October 1, 2003 and expire upon submission of the report set out in Section 3 above.

SECTION 5. REMOVAL. Members appointed by the City Council to the Commission will serve at the pleasure of the City Council and shall be removable by the City Council with or without cause.

SECTION 6. REQUIREMENTS. Meetings will be subject to the state's Open Meeting Law and any applicable City Charter provisions, codes and ordinances. In addition, all City appointees will be subject to all applicable provisions of the City's Ethics Ordinance (the "Ordinance") including the submission of the and Financial Disclosure statements required by this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. COMPENSATION. The Commission members will serve without compensation.

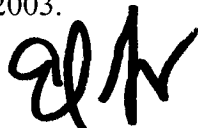
SECTION 8. The City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized for the next ninety (90) days to execute a Contract with Thomas F. Brereton for support services for the Commission. A copy of the contract, in substantially final form, is attached as Exhibit I.

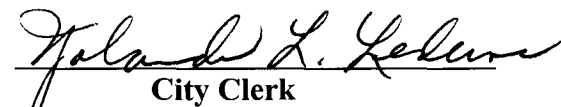
SECTION 9. Funds in the amount of \$6,000.00 are authorized to be encumbered in Fund 11-000000 (General Fund) in Index Code 289678 entitled "Fees to Professional Contractors" and are made payable to Thomas F. Bereton in Fiscal year 2003/2004 pursuant to the terms of the contract.


SECTION 10 The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager, or her designee, correct allocations to specific Index Codes and the Fund Numbers, as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. This ordinance shall take effect on the tenth (10th) day from the date of passage thereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of September, 2003.


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EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
for City Attorney